

## Rev. Edward P. Jones, D.D.

Vicksburg, Miss.

MR. JONES is grand master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Mississippi, supreme master of the "United Reformers," pastor of a Baptist Church with a membership of 2,000, and a man of wide influence.



Rev. E. P. Jones, D.D.

He is recognized throughout the South as one of the great leaders in the fraternal societies among the colored people.

He was born February 21, 1872, in Hinds County, Mississippi. His father, Rev. George P. Jones, was an elder of the Missionary Baptist Church and for many years was a successful pastor and church builder. The young man attended the Vicksburg public schools, and afterward attended Alcorn Agricultural and Mechanical College at Alcorn, Miss., and Natchez College, Natchez, Miss. He was valedictorian of his class in the public schools at Vicksburg and at Natchez College. After leaving school, he served several terms as a teacher in Mississippi schools, and in 1894 was ordained to the ministry in the Baptist church.

During his pastorate at Vicksburg he has built a modern, up-to-date church, at a cost of \$6,000. He has been very successful in church work and frequently has been honored with positions of responsibility and trust by the denomination.

Perhaps he is best known in the line of work with the fraternal societies. He has been grand master of the Odd Fellows since 1901, and has served the order as a fraternal delegate to Europe. He is supreme master of the "United Reformers," of America, Europe, Asia, and Africa, having been elected for five successive terms. This organization has grown very rapidly and is now the leader among the fraternal organizations of the colored people in America.

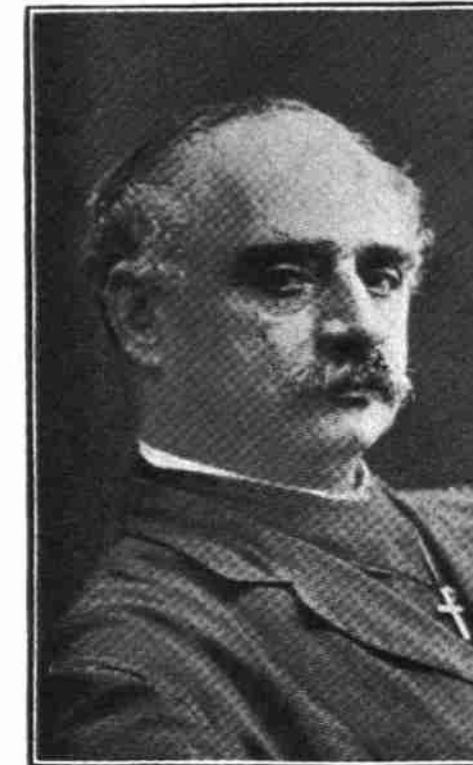
Dr. Jones says that whatever success he has attained is due very largely to the "devotion and wholesome advice of his wife." He is one of the leading orators of his race, and not only in religious affairs, but in material things, has achieved eminent success. His property in Mississippi alone is worth about \$40,000.

## Rev. Thomas W. Henderson, D.D.

Boston, Mass.

DR. HENDERSON is pastor of the Charles Street African Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the largest and most influential churches of the denomination.

He was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, October 12, 1845.



Rev. T. W. Henderson, D.D.

His parents were proprietors of a bakery, and Thomas was a clerk in the bakery when he was a boy. At the age of fourteen he was sent to Oberlin, Ohio, where he had the advantage of Oberlin College for six years.

When he left college he became a teacher and a preacher. He spent eleven years in Kansas. He was the owner and publisher of the first colored newspaper in Kansas. He published the *Colored Radical* in Leavenworth, which was afterward merged into the *Colored Citizen*, at Topeka, and was an influential paper.

He entered the realm of politics and came within a few votes of being named for lieutenant-governor on the ticket with Gov. John P. St. John. He was unanimously elected chaplain of the Kansas House of Representatives, and was twice elected a member of the Board of Education of Lawrence, Kan. He was interested in fraternal societies while in Kansas, and held nearly every office in the gift of the Masonic order.

He left Kansas in 1879 and was four years pastor of St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, adding nine hundred members and raising more than \$40,000 for the work of the church. He has been pastor in Chicago, Kansas City, and New York in some of the largest charges of the church. He served four years as business manager of the publishing department, and gave evidence of unusual business and executive ability. He gave the church the "Musical Edition of the Church Hymnal," the first of the kind published by the race; and *The Recorder*, the organ of the church, and the oldest paper of its kind published by the race, received a remarkable increase in circulation and influence. Dr. Henderson has been mentioned for the episcopacy. He was a member of the Clifton Conference and is enthusiastically interested in the success of its plans.